



## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[OMB 3060-0386; OMB 3060-1260; FR ID 61530]**

### **Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control No.:** 3060-0386.

**Title:** Special Temporary Authorization (STA) Requests; Notifications; and Informal Filings; Sections 1.5, 73.1615, 73.1635, 73.1740 and 73.3598; CDBS Informal Forms; Section 74.788; Low Power Television, TV Translator and Class A Television Digital Transition Notifications; Section 73.3700(b)(5), Post Auction Licensing; Section 73.3700(f).

**Form No.:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently information collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions; State, local or Tribal government.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 5,509 respondents and 5,509 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** .50-4.0 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time reporting requirement and on occasion reporting requirement.

**Obligation To Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 157 and 309(j) as amended; Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Public Law 112-96, §§ 6402 (codified at 47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)(G)), 6403 (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1452), 126 Stat. 156 (2012) (Spectrum Act); and Sections 1, 4(i) and (j), 7, 301, 302, 303, 307, 308, 309, 312, 316, 318, 319, 324, 325, 336, and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 4,325 hours.

**Annual Cost Burden:** \$1,826,510.

**Needs and Uses:** The data contained in this collection is used by FCC staff to determine whether to grant and/or accept the requested special temporary authority (or other request for FCC action), waiver request, required notification, informal filing, application filings or other non-form submission. FCC staff will review for compliance with legal and technical regulations, including but not limited to ensuring that impermissible interference will not be caused to other stations.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-1260.

**Title:** Broadcast Incubator Program.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions; Tribal Governments.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 20 respondents; 123 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 4 to 16 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement; annual reporting requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority that covers this information collection is 47 U.S.C. 151, 152(a), 154(i), 257, 303, 307-310, and 403.

**Total Annual Burden:** 1,179 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$326,700.

**Needs and Uses:** On August 3, 2018, the Commission released a Report and Order (Order), Rules and Policies to Promote New Entry and Ownership Diversity in the Broadcasting Services, FCC 18-114, in MB Docket No. 17-289, establishing the requirements that will govern the incubator program that the Commission previously decided to adopt to support the entry of new and diverse voices into the radio broadcast industry. The incubator program is designed for small businesses, struggling station owners, and new entrants that do not have any other means to access the financial assistance and operational support necessary for success in the broadcast industry. The goal is the pairing of these small aspiring, or struggling, broadcast station owners with established broadcasters. These incubation relationships will provide new entrants and struggling small broadcasters access to the financing, mentoring, and industry connections that are necessary for success in the industry, but to date have been unavailable to many. In return for successfully incubating a small aspiring, or struggling, broadcast station owner as part of the Commission's incubator program, an incumbent broadcaster will be eligible to receive a waiver (a reward waiver) of the Commission's Local Radio Ownership Rule following the successful conclusion of a successful qualifying incubation relationship. The standard term for an incubation relationship is three years.

Commission staff will use the applications, certified statements, and contracts submitted by potential incubating and incubated entities, along with any responses to Commission requests for additional information to determine qualifications for participation in the incubator program.

Commission staff will use the periodic reports to determine whether ongoing incubation relationships are proceeding in a manner consistent with the parties' initial filings and are likely to result in a successful incubation relationship. At the end of a successful incubation relationship, either the incubated entity will own and operate a full-service AM or FM station independently or the incubated station will be on a firmer footing if the station was struggling at the start of the relationship.

In the event the parties seek to extend the duration of their incubation relationship beyond the standard three-year term, the filing of a request for such an extension will enable Commission staff to gauge the types of problems incubating parties are experiencing. Information provided by the parties to the Commission no later than six months before the contract termination date will allow Commission staff to evaluate which option for station ownership the incubating parties plan to pursue at the conclusion of the relationship—i.e., whether the incubated entity plans to keep the incubated station or purchase a new

station. Additionally, Commission staff will review documentation submitted to seek a reward waiver to assess whether the market where the reward waiver is sought is comparable to the market where the incubated station was located.

Federal Communications Commission.

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